GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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STATUS TO RAJASTHAN UNDER AIBP
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any representation from the Government of Rajasthan to accord special status to the State under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) The Chief Minister Rajasthan wrote to the Union Water Resources Minister on 31.1.2000 and again on 22.1.2001 to the Prime Minister requesting for according special status to Rajasthan as well as relaxation of norms under the AIBP. As per approved AIBP guidelines, Rajasthan is being treated as a general category i.e. non-special category State and thus the relaxations available to the special category States of North-east, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttaranchal and KBK districts are not available to that State. However, Rajasthan even as a general category State is entitled to Central Loan Assistance (CLA) in the ratio of 4:1 (Centre:State) if it agrees to introduce reforms in the water sector as against existing 2:1 ratio for non-reforming general category States.